

TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Vice Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Mayor Judy Paul

PREPARED BY: Maria Mackie

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town Wide

ITEM REQUEST: **Schedule for Council Meeting**

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: SUPPORT - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR CRIST, SENATE PRESIDENT ATWATER, AND HOUSE SPEAKER CRETUL INCLUDE STATEWIDE DEDICATED FUNDING FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES IN THE CALL ANNOUNCING A POSSIBLE SPECIAL SESSION; REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE OR SOURCES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES SPECIFICALLY THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: This item supports the resolution passed by the Broward County League of Cities on November 5, 2009. It seeks a dedicated source of funding for regional transportation authorities from the state legislature and asks for support from Governor Crist.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None

CONCURRENCES: None

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account name and number:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account name and number will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution and Broward County League of Cities Resolution #2009-T-20

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR CRIST, SENATE PRESIDENT ATWATER, AND HOUSE SPEAKER CRETUL INCLUDE STATEWIDE DEDICATED FUNDING FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES IN THE CALL ANNOUNCING A POSSIBLE SPECIAL SESSION; REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE OR SOURCES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES SPECIFICALLY THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie recognizes the Broward County League of Cities Resolution 2009-T-20; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie recognizes that certain regional transportation projects and transit improvements are critical to South Florida's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a dedicated funding source or sources for regional transportation authorities is critically needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town of Davie supports the Broward County League of Cities Resolution 2009-T-20 which is attached.

SECTION 2. The Town of Davie supports the creation of a dedicated funding source or sources for the state's regional transportation authorities

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption with copies to be sent to Governor Crist, Senate President Atwater, House Speaker Cretul, the Broward League of Cities, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009

RESOLUTION #2009-T-20

A RESOLUTION BY THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR CRIST, SENATE PRESIDENT ATWATER, AND HOUSE SPEAKER CRETUL INCLUDE STATEWIDE DEDICATED FUNDING FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES IN THE CALL ANNOUNCING A POSSIBLE SPECIAL SESSION; REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE OR SOURCES FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES SPECIFICALLY THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the membership of the Broward County League of Cities consists of elected officials from Broward County municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County League of Cities has identified certain regional transportation projects and transit improvements as critical to South Florida's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) Tri-Rail system has been in existence for 20 years and is currently the 3rd fastest growing commuter rail service in the United States, providing 16,000 daily trips for South Florida residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the SFRTA has tried for more than five years without success to obtain a dedicated funding source that will generate approximately \$50 million per year; and

WHEREAS, absent the creation of a dedicated funding source for the SFRTA prior to its next fiscal year, it will be unable to meet the terms of its Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and may be found in violation of its agreement to operate a 48 train service with 20-minute headways during peak hours; and

WHEREAS, in his September 17, 2009 letter to Mr. Joseph Giulietti, executive director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Mr. Peter Rogoff, director of the Federal Transit Administration, states that the Federal Transit Administration's approval to provide federal funding for the Segment 5 Double Track Project in South Florida was predicated on the SFRTA's ability to ensure stable and reliable funding to cover both capital and operating costs at the agreed upon level of service of 48 trains with 20-minute headways during peak hours; and

WHEREAS, in his letter to Mr. Giulietti, Mr. Rogoff states that in the event that the SFRTA defaults on the terms of its Full Funding Grant Agreement, the Federal Transit Administration may seek restitution of the total grant amount of approximately \$250 million plus interest from the State and local funding partners which guaranteed

the stability and reliability of the funding sources outlined in the original funding plan; and

WHEREAS, in his letter to Mr. Giuliatti, Mr. Rogoff states that the Federal Transit Administration will take into account such a default when considering future funding requests from the SFRTA, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties, and the State of Florida as it evaluates other projects that rely on these sources and partners; and

WHEREAS, high-level officials with the Federal Transit Administration have made it clear that a failure to fund the capital and operating needs of the SFRTA so that it can meet the terms of its Full Funding Grant Agreement will jeopardize all future federal funding for transit-related projects not only in South Florida, but throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a dedicated funding source or sources for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and other regional transportation authorities is critically needed to ensure statewide rail connectivity over time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES THAT:

SECTION 1. The Broward County League of Cities supports the creation of a dedicated funding source or sources for the state's regional transportation authorities;

SECTION 2. The urgency of the funding situation for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority underscores the need for the Governor and Florida Legislature to address the creation of a stable and reliable dedicated funding source as quickly as possible to prevent a foreseeable default of the SFRTA's Full Funding Agreement with the Federal Transportation Administration and possible detrimental impacts to Florida as it pursues future federal funding for transportation and transit projects.

SECTION 3. The Broward County League of Cities respectfully requests that Governor Crist, Senate President Atwater, and House Speaker Cretul include in the call of a potential special session of the Florida Legislature the creation of dedicated funding sources for regional transportation authorities.

SECTION 4. The Broward County League of Cities requests that the issue of a dedicated funding source or sources for the state's regional transportation authorities be considered on its own merits and the subject of a single subject bill.

SECTION 5. The Broward County League of Cities further requests that Governor Crist and the Florida Legislature support the creation of a dedicated funding source

for the SFRTA and other regional transportation authorities at its earliest opportunity.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of November, 2009.

BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

Attest:

By _____
GARY RESNICK, PRESIDENT
Mayor, Wilton Manors